

407 - 431 West Lexington Street (Lexington  
Market Addition)  
Purity Creamery Building  
427-431 West Lexington Street  
Baltimore (Independent City)  
Maryland

HABS No. MD-916-H

HABS  
MD,  
4-BALT,  
157H-

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
MID-ATLANTIC REGION NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

HABS  
MD,  
4-BALT.  
157 H-

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Maryland		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Baltimore (Independent City)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 407-431 West Lexington Street			HABS NO. MD-916-H
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Lexington Market Addition Purity Creamery Building			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 427-431 West Lexington Street (Block 618, Lots 13 and 14)			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 427 W. Lexington - c. 1890 (Bromley Atlas) 429-431 W. Lexington - 1910-1911		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) 429-431 W. Lexington St. was built as the home of the Purity Creamery Company. When this structure was built the earlier structure at 427 W. Lexington was incorporated into the design. The building occupies a key corner location in this commercial block and is a good example of early twentieth century commercial architecture.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early twentieth century commercial			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Roman brick, running bond, metal clad window frames, timber floor and roof systems			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 427 W. Lexington - rectangular, 33' x 85' including rear additions 429-431 W. Lexington - rectangular, 47' x 43'			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Stone-trimmed brickwork; raised metal decorative work on window frames; wide window openings with 2-, 3-, and 4-part window frames; flat roof with boxed cornice which may cover original cornice molding			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) 427 W. Lexington St. - tin ceiling at rear section; rear room is L-shaped and opens to Paca St. structure; 429-431 W. Lexington St. - first floor is large open space with rear stair, no original details, upper floor divided into offices, some wood trim remaining			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 429-431 W. Lexington St. replaced two smaller units in 1910-1911. At this time 427 W. Lexington St. was recycled to match the 1911 facade details. Alterations to first floor storefront in 1950s and 1970.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant, last use retail; good condition			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) 1980 Survey of the Baltimore Central Business District			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Russell Wright, AIA, Consultant, Market Center Development Corporation, Baltimore			DATE August 1981